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LIST OF NOMINEES SUBMITTED FOR 1968 PPRAA OFFICES

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ELECTIONS AT OCTOBER MEETING TO DETERMINE CLUB OFFICERS, DIRECTORS FOR COMING YEAR

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A slate of nominees to be voted on at the next PPRAA meeting, Wednesday, October 11, to fill four director positions for the next two years and positions of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer for the next year was submitted at the September meeting by a nominating committee consisting of Wally Rowland, KØWMD, Pete Demario, KØUDG, Eldon Lewis, WAØERA, and Max Main, WØBDH.

In accordance with PPRAA bylaws, the names of the four retiring directors, Harlan Talley, WAØJCS, Ed Pompea, KØZPG, Wally Rowland, KØWMD, and John Summers, WAØHHN, were the first nominations submitted.

Wally, however, sent word that since he would be unable to attend meetings regularly, he felt his name should be withdrawn from consideration.

Additional names submitted were

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CLASSES FOR ALL LICENSES NOW HELD AT CD HEADQUARTERS

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PPRAA code and theory classes, with instruction for all classes of amateur radio licenses--novice, general, advanced and extra class--are now being held at the Colo. Springs Civil Defense headquarters in the basement of the Police Station at 224 East Kiowa--across the street from the Municipal Auditorium.

The classes, under the instructions of Wally Rowland, KØWMD, and John Summers, WAØHHN, meet each Thursday, starting at 7 p. m.

General class operators planning on subsequently taking the "Element 4" test to obtain an Advanced Class license in the future, will find classes on the theory needed to pass this test among the instruction.

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PPRAA-AREC MEMBERS PLAY "GOOD SAMARITANS"

Members of the PPRAA and AREC played "Good Samaritans" to assist in

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Pres. - Max Main, WØBDH
Vice Pres. - Pete Demario, KØUDG
Secty. - Harold Combs, WAØPNR
Treas. - (Vacant)

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John Summers Sr., WAØHHN
Harlan Talley, WAØJCS
Wally Rowland, KØWMD
George Kowalski, WØGCH

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The PPRAA meets of the second Wednesday of each month in the Red Cross Center, 1600 N. Cascade Ave., starting at 8 p. m. All radio amateurs and other interested persons are invited.

COPY DEADLINE for the NOVEMBER Ø Beat will be October 25.

MAYBE IT'S FOR THE BEST

The approval of FCC Docket No. 15928, better known as "incentive licensing," seems to have caused as much of a flurry in ham circles as did the pioneering, in his day, of an Italian electrical engineer named Guglilmo Marconi, of a new means of communication known as radio.

Much has been said on the matter, both at the PPRAA September meeting and on and off the air.

One visitor to the meeting, from the "4 area," expressed the somewhat "negative" attitude that the new "element 4" test would be too difficult for the average ham to pass, stating that "it will take someone with a college degree" to pass this test.

The Denver Radio Club "The Round Table" even reports of threats heard on the bands and elsewhere "to operate 'sub rosa' a la CRS," and decries this attitude as a "lack of respect for laws and regulations" which "should not be tolerated by thinking amateurs."

On the "heartening side" is the fact that a good number of operators at the September PPRAA meeting expressed an interest in attending classes proposed by Wally Rowland, KØWMD, to further their knowledge of radio theory to prepare them for a try at the advanced class license.

Perhaps too many of us have become what the editor of one of the California radio club papers sees fit to lebel as "appliance operators"---persons who seem to forget that one of the aims of amateur radio has always been to assist in the development of radio and who have been complacently willing, after receiving a license to plug in our "store boughten" gear and get on the air, without further thought of "delving into the mysteris" of how that gear works or how it can be improved.

Perhaps this new regulation comes as a good incentive to make us realize that as good hams we should work at trying to "keep abreast" of developments in radio, to realize that being an amateur radio operator is a privilege to be strived for---not one just to be taken for granted.

"All play and no work" makes a very poor ham.

The choice of remaining a "status quo" general class operator and operating within a limited frequency range, once the progam is implemented, or of

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trying to improve your knowledge of radio, with the hope of obtaining advanced class status and a wider band of frequencies, is up to each individual. It is entirely up to you.

Personally, I hope to again become a "working amateur operator" by trying to "shake loose the cobwebs" in my somewhat "aged" brain and determine what is "going on in today's radio field"--not only to comply with rules and regulations--but, as well, to satisfy my curiosity as a "good amateur radio operator."

---Frank - WØHWH

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ROSIE'S REPORTINGS

By Rosemarie Lewis, WAØMNM

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Colorado winner in the national teenage QSO party phone contest for Jun was Larry Lewis, WAØDGL

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Linda Lewis, WAØMNL, a member of the electronics class at Palmer High School, is the first girl to enroll in electronics in School District 11. Her teacher is Ron Seats, KØLZD.

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Rudy Wroblewski, WAØPJG, bought a new Swan 500 to join his other Swans--140 and 350. This called for a remodeling job on his ham shack and a new Buick in which to operate mobile.

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Darrel Vogt, WB6HFQ, recently moved here from California. He is an electrical engineer at Fort Carson.

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A mistake in listing frequencies was made in the text of the October QST story on inventive licensing. The accompanying chart, however, lists the proper frequencies under the new regulation to get into effect in 1968 and 69.

SAMARITANS

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trying to locate two missing boys on September 23.

Larry Lewis, WAØDGL, as NCS of the Hi Noon Net, and Eldon Lewis, WAØERA, provided assistance in helping a Colorado Springs amateur, operating 75 meter mobile, locate his son.

The son is a diabetic and the time element in locating him was critical, as it was time for his medicine.

Numerous phone calls were made, including the hospitals. The 2 meter net was alerted to be ready for mobile operation.

A final phone call before notifying the Colorado Springs Police Dept. locat - the boy and the father expressed his many thanks to the group.

Later the same day the sheriff's department in Security requested the PPRAA and AREC to assist in locating a 7 year old boy who had been missing for more than 24 hours.

Larry, DGL, manned the net control station, while other PPRAA members were getting their mobiles ready.

The following operators reported to Security: George Kowalski, WØGCH, Eldon Lewis, WAØERA, Rosemarie Lewis, WAØMNM, Bonnie Bondurant, WAØCND, Rudy Wroblewski, WAØPJG, Linda Lewis, WAØMNL, Scotty Kenton, KØTRM, and WAØOQD.

The group was given a description and picture of the boy and informed he was probably in the area but was eluding searchers. AREC was given a section of town, alerting the residents to the fact that the boy was missing. Children were asked if they had seen the boy.

Plans were being made to set up a 2 meter base station at the sheriff's office when word was received that the boy had been found. The department expressed appreciation for the cooperation by the PPRAA-AREC members.

CANDIDATES

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George Kowalski, WØGCH, Rosemarie Lewis, WAØMNM, Bruce Cushman, WØIXH, Rudy Wroblewski, WAØPJG, Harold Combs, WAØPNR, and Bob Marek, WAØKZG.

Bob Marek requested that his name be withdrawn from the list.

It was pointed out by the nominating committee that the slate submitted was to be considered for all offices to be balloted on--that is, non-election to one office would not disqualify a nominee for consideration for another office.

The nominating committee did, however, suggest that John Summers and Ed Pompea be considered for the office of president and that Rosemarie Lewis be considered for the office of secretary.

It has been learned, however, that Ed Pompea and his family are soon leaving for New Jersey, where he will be employed, eliminating him from consideration in the election.

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EC COLUMN

By George Kowalski, WØGCH, EC

This is the first of a long and regular (hopefully) series on what emergency communications is about, what we are doing about it and possibly a little philosophizing "a la Hart."

Colorado Springs amateurs can be proud of the showing we made in the search for a 7 year old runaway boy Sunday, Sept. 24.

Requested by the Sheriff's Dept., we had three mobiles on the scene in 40 minutes and three more on the way. Special thanks go to the Lewis family.

Quote of the month: "Mobiles are the most desired form of emergency equipment with walkie-talkies second and fixed stations third." - WØSIN

George - WØGCH

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* On the next page is an account of *
* the participation by members of the *
* PPRAA in the Pikes Peak Mara- *
* thon in August. This article, based *
* on information received from Rose- *
* marie Lewis, WAØMNM, was orig- *
* inally planned for the September is- *
* sue of Ø Beat, but was crowded out *
* by the last minute receipt of infor- *
* mation on the incentive licensing *
* program. It is published this month *
* with the hope that since it did not a- *
* ppear previously in Ø Beat, it will *
* still be considered as "news" by our *
* readers. (Editor) *
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ADDITIONS TO PPRAA ROSTER

(All of Colo. Sprgs. - two numbers following address indicate last two numbers of zip code)

Butch Schisler	WØGBX	
1415 S. Tejon (06)		633-1306
Richard Hahn	KØJUA	
1315 E. Yampa (09)		633-7629
Darrel D. Vogt	WB6HFQ	
2256 Sumter Dr. (10)		633-9869
Mrs. W. E. Whitlatch		(Associate)
1911 Snyder Dr. (09)		473-8688
Don Emory	WØDUY	(Renewal)
19 Boulder Court (02)		632-5396

(Previously omitted)
John T. Kester WAØLVL
819 Dunston St. (07)

Address change of present member)
Jerry Bishop WØICQ
1102 Swope (09)

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Attend the October meeting and VOTE

PPRAA MEMBERS WIN PLAUDITS FOR COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE TO ANNUAL PIKES PEAK MARATHON AUGUST 21

The participants in this year's international Pikes Peak Marathon, known as "The Race Above the Clouds," were a busy bunch of runners as they traversed the 26.6 mile round trip up and down the mountain from the 6,400 foot level to the summit of 14,110 on August 21.

According to information supplied by "Rosie" Lewis, WAØMNL, however--the runners weren't much busier than the group of PPRAA members who supplied the communications for the event.

Rosie was set up bright and early, (well, at least early) at the 4.6 mile point, operating battery power. Howard Dump, WAØBDQ, working motorcycle mobile, was above Barr Camp, 5.8 miles from the summit. They reported the progress and condition of the marathoners and found themselves giving directions, information and water.

George Kowalski,, WØGCH, and Bonnie Bondurant, WAØCMD, were on the summit with the official timers and relayed information to the public on the Peak. Eldon Lewis, WAØERA (who directed the communications for the Marathon), worked the finish line, along with John Summers, WAØHHN, and Linda Lewis,, WAØMNM. They kept the data and times as well as keeping the public and broadcast stations informed.

All went well and the weather was most cooperative. Many records were broken by the runners. The PPRAA operators were commended for the FB job they did after the "hot foot net" was secured at 3:30 p.m.

Some of the highlites of the race, as reported by Rosie:

From the ops:

GCH, George, on top of Pikes Peak, has a QSO with K3RLL, John, aeronautical mobile, 150 miles east of Cheyenne, at an altitude of 48,000 feet flying 480 miles an hour.

MNL, Rosie, operating from Mt. Manitou Saturday evening, was showing off amateur radio to the tourists. (Now we know how she was able to make it to the 4.6 mile point by 7 a.m.)

KØCNV, Joe, from Denver, stopped by for an eyeball QSO with the ops at the bottom.

From MNM, Linda---"When do we eat?" "We've got buffalo burgers down here." "I'll take mine rare, send some up."

From the runners:

Steve Gachupin, from Jemez Reservation, N. M., broke all previous records and averaged a mile in 9 minutes for the round trip.

Larry Haskin, son of Bill Haskin, KØCEN, placed sixth in his division. (And Bill can't even make a PPRAA meeting on time!)

Some comments by the runners:

"Hey, you're number 14 and I'm number 13. How'd you get ahead of me? Everyone knows 13 comes before 14."

"How far is the next runner ahead of me?"

"Hey, this is a man's race--what's a gal doin' on the trail?"

"Who's winning?"

"Man, my feet hurt."

"Just throw some water on my head!"

"O-h-h-h, my achin' feet!"

From ERA, Eldon:

"Thanks to all who helped in the communications. Rudy Fahl, manager of the Marathon, says it's the best job we've done yet. The runners have always expressed their appreciation but this is the first year so many others have done so. Thanks also to those who lent the use of their equipment and other gear to help out the ops."

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Max Main, WØBDH

Our annual meeting on October 11 will be devoted to the election of officers and directors for the next 12 months.

Our association consists of what we, the radio amateurs, make it. I urge each of you to attend and vote for the individuals of your choice. Lend your support to the officers and directors of the PPRAA.

Ed, KØZPG, will be leaving the fold to transfer residence to the East Coast this month. Ed has served as our treasurer for the past year and could always be counted on to "pitch in" when ther e was work to be done at conventions, meetings, Field Day, AREC or picnics. Our tnx to Ed for a job well done.

Choice topic for discussion on the air still seems to be incentive licensing. Everyone must agree that the FCC choice was a tough one. The biggest problem that FCC faced was how to remodel the Amateur Service structure and remain fair to all.

Quoting from the FCC final report and order: "It remains only for a licensee to prove himself and to improve the Amateur Radio Service by voluntarily upgrading his license to the highest level of achievement of which he is capable. We are confident that we can rely upon the amateurs in this regard and that, therefore, this Incentive Licensing Program will result in a radio service which will be a source of pride to both amateur licensees and the FCC." Well spoken!

With this, my final column as your president, I want to thank each of you for your support to the PPRAA. It has been a pleasure for me and I hope all of you will "lend a hand" to your new officers and the Ø Beat editor as well.

See you on the 11th!

73 -- Max - WØBDH

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On the opposite page is a chart
of the frequencies which will be #
limited to Advanced and Extra Class
licensees only under the new Incen-
tive Licensing Program.
As noted on the chart, the first
curtailment of frequencies now auth-
orized for General Class licensees
will take place Nov. 22, 1968, with
a further curtailment of frequencies
one year later. Note that certain of
the frequencies indicated will be
reserved for the use of Extra Class
only, while others will be reserved
for the use of both Extra and Advan-
ced licensees.
The chart was reproduced from
one prepared by Max Main, WØBDH,
outgoing PPRAA president, and pre-
#sented at the September meeting af - #
ter he has obtained information dur-
a trip to Washington, D. C. prior to
the meeting. ---Editor
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MORE ROSTER ADDITIONS, CHANGES

(New member)
Ron Seats KØLZD
519 N. 31st (04)

(Address changes)
Jim Kieffaber KØSPS
809 S. Sahwatch (03)

Donald Murray WØUNW
654 San Martin Place
Los Altos, Calif. 94022

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There is a proposal before the FCC for authorization to operate slow scan TV in a portion of each of the amateur bands.

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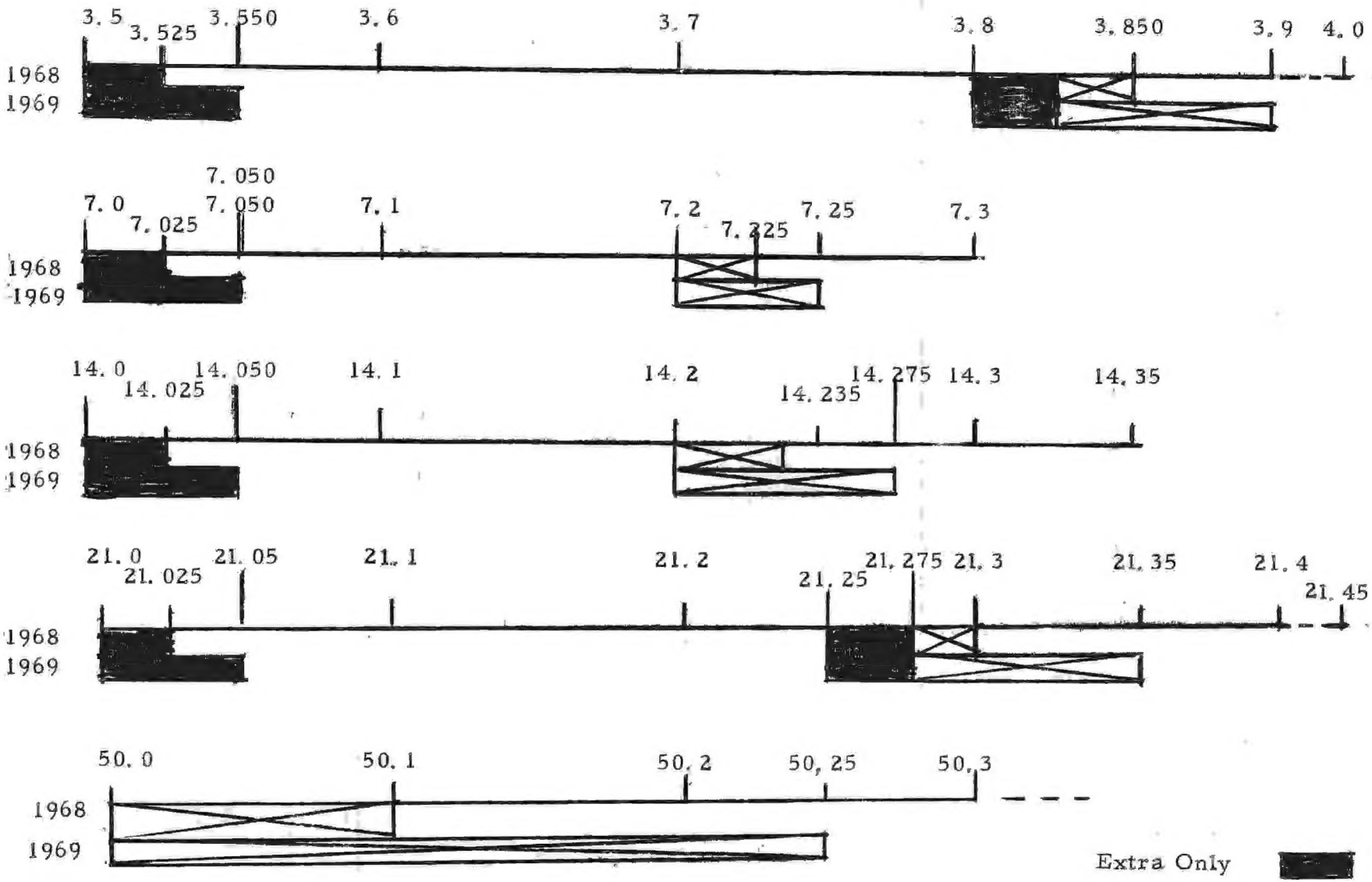
Don't forget to attend the October meeting to vote for your choice of officers. The future of PPRAA depends on it.

INCENTIVE LICENSING BAND ASSIGNMENTS

Effective Nov. 22 (1968 and 1969)



Reproduced from a chart prepared by Max Main, WØBDH

PPRAA HAS NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENTS

Due to too much delay in renewing the rent on the club post office box after it had expired, the box was leased to another party. Because of a long waiting list for boxes, we were unable to obtain another box.

Permission was obtained from Mr. McIlrath, Red Cross director, to have PPRAA mail delivered to the Red Cross Center, 1600 N. Cascade, where the club holds its monthly meetings.

From now on, all mail for the club should be addressed to:

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Becauseofthe possibility that some nominations for candidates for offices or directors may have been mailed to the discontinued post office box and returned to the sender, provisions have been arranged to accept such nominations at the October meeting, prior to the voting, if the nominating letter, dated prior to the 21st of September, is presented at the meeting.

Eldon Lewis, WAØERA (phone 632-5721) has for sale a number of items listed in last month's Ø Beat for disposal by the widow of Al Covey, WAØCBR.

Included are a Multi-band dipole with 50 feet of RG8/U coax, Supreme signal generator (65kc to 2.5 meg.), new SCR 522 rcvr., 2 power supplies, Heathkit oscilloscope wave form generator, 3 assorted new chassis boxes, Heathkit RF probe, 6 AC and DC meters, 5 speakers, bumper mount, oscilloscope tube (model 3ABP2), new AC variable transformer, home brew code oscillator, freq. meter (BC 638A), 50 foot telescoping mast, home brew SWR bridge, Heathkit HX 20 and power supply (all band cw and SSB-90 watts) and "lots more gear."

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